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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MARR, JA

SUBJECT: PROPOSED IST MAW MOVE TO OKINAWA

REF: TOKYO 10415

1. WE BELIEVE THAT CO-LOCATION OF HQS IST MAW AT SUKERAN WITH OTHER MARINES HEADQUARTERS MAKES OPERATIONAL SENSE AND SHOULD RELIEVE SOME OF THE POPULATION PRESSURE AT IWAKUNI. DOD ASSURES US THAT THIS MOVE IS NOT THE FIRST STEP IN THE EVENTUAL RELOCATION OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT FROM IWAKUNI TO OKINAWA. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, ABOUT TIMING OF MOVE AND THE PROPOSED USE OF HANBY AIR FIELD.

2. IN RESPONDING TO USFJ WE SUGGEST THAT, IN ADDITION TO YOUR ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS, EMBASSY EMPHASIZE:

(1) NEED FOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ; (2) NEED FOR  
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FLEXIBILITY ON TIMING OF MOVE AND DETAILS OF

IMPLEMENTATION IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ADJUSTMENTS THAT GOJ MAY PROPOSE, INCLUDING POSSIBLE SUGGESTION THAT TRANSFER BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF EXPO 75; AND (3) LIKELY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF HANBY AND NECESSITY FOR THOROUGH EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVES.

3. DOD APPEARS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD MARINE PROPOSAL BUT HAS NOT STUDIED IT IN DETAIL. THE PENTAGON HAS INFORMALLY TOLD US THAT INTERNAL DOD APPROVAL, MUCH LESS CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ, WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 1 AND THAT A FEW MONTHS DELAY SHOOULD NOT PRESENT THE MARINES WITH UNMANAGEABLE PROBLEMS. THE PROPOSAL HAS NOT REACHED DOD FOR ACTION, HOWEVER, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO FORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH STATE. PLEASE KEEP US ADVISED OF THE PROGRESS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMUSJ AND CINCPAC, AND WE WILL KEEP YOU ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS HERE. INGERSOLL

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